

REMARKS

Claims 6, 8-10 and 12 are pending. Claims 1, 3 and 5 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter found therein.

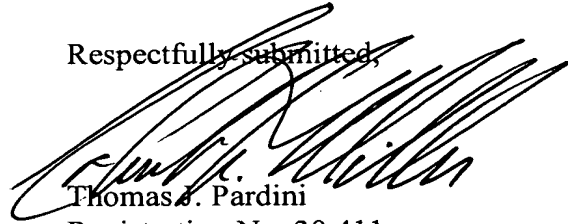
This filing is responsive to the Final Rejection mailed February 7, 2006, in reply to which a Notice of Appeal and a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review were filed May 1, 2006. As a result of the Pre-Appeal Conference and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed June 21, 2006, Applicant has elected to cancel rejected claims 1, 3 and 5 and to retain allowed claims 6, 8-10 and 12. This should place the application in condition for allowance.

Further, although Applicant is unaware of any fee due for this filing as this filing is made within 30 days of the date of mailing of the Notice of Panel Decision, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 15-0461 for any fees due.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that, with the cancellation of the rejected claims leaving only allowed claims in the application, this application is in condition for allowance. Thus, favorable reconsideration and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed to claims 6, 8-10 and 12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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